(c) The following measures have been taken/are being taken by the Government to ensure maximum availability of generation capacity:-

- Coordinated operation and maintenance of hydro, thermal, nuclear and gas based power stations to optimally utilize the existing generation capacity.
- Utilization of unutilized capacity of gas based stations on liquid fuel.
- Tapping of surplus power from captive power plants.
- Import of coal to bridge the gap between the requirement of coal and its availability from the domestic sources.

Rural electrification

†2548. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether previous Government had set a target to provide electricity to all by 2009 under its Common Minimum Programme;

(b) if so, whether that target is about to be achieved;

(c) the number of villages where electrification under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana was completed during the last five years; and

(d) the number of villages deprived of electricity along with the future action plan. State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. As per National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) of the previous Government, it was envisaged to provide access to electricity to the rural household in five years.

(b) and (c) As on 01.07.2009, 62,520 unelectrified villages have been electrified and connections to 72,72,223 rural households including 62,52,890 BPL households have been released under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana.

(d) The projects covering 118146 un/de-electrified villages have been sanctioned under RGGVY. As on 01.07.2009, the works in 62527 un/de-electrified villages have been reportedly completed. The remaining villages to be covered under the sanctioned projects are likely to be electrified by the end of XI Five Year Plan.

Power generation capacity

2549.SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the per cent generation capacity (in MW) from Central, State, Private and Nuclear Sectors upto February, 2008;

(b) the capacity addition in MW during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) the number of coal linkages/blocks available for coal based plants?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.